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SUBJECT: ASSEMBLYMEN ORCHESTRATE COUNTERATTACKS ON U.S. FOES

1. ROK PRESS APRIL 10 GAVE MAJOR FRONT-PAGE PLAY TO HABIB/ABRAMOWITZ TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE, UNDER HEADLINES: U.S. OFFICIALS OPPOSE TROOP CUT IN KOREA. PAPERS CUT OUT HOWEVER ALL REFERENCES IN TESTIMONY TO HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM.

2. AT SAME TIME, CONTINUING WELL-ORCHESTRATED CAMPAIGN ATTACKING THOSE IN UNITED STATES WHO ARE PROMOTING ANTI-KOREA SENTIMENTS, GOVERNMENT PARTY SPOKESMEN ISSUED STATEMENTS APRIL 9 REGRETTING UNREALISTIC ANTI-KOREAN REMARKS BY "SMALL NUMBER OF LEADING

AMERICAN FIGURES." STATEMENTS WERE PROMPTED BY U.S. CONGRESSMAN FRASER'S REMARKS AT APRIL 8 SENATE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING.

3. PRESS WHICH GIVES STATEMENTS FRONT-PAGE PLAY REPORT DRP SPOKESMAN AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMAN PARK CHUL AS SAYING AMERICAN REMARKS (I.E. FRASER'S REMARKS) BEFORE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE "ARE FEARED TO POUR COLD WATER ON HEIGHTENED SENSE OF SECURITY AMONG THE KOREAN POPULACE," AND THAT SECURITY PROBLEM IS FOREMOST
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TASK FOR KOREA IN FACE OF CONTINUOUSLY MOUNTING NORTH KOREAN

SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. AT SAME TIME YUCHONGHUE SPOKESMAN RHEE JHONG-SIK HAS SAID THAT HE WAS ONCE AGAIN DISAPPOINTED AT THE REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE DONALD FRASER CALLING FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES BEFORE TAKING A HARD LOOK AT THE SECURITY SITUATION IN KOREA. RHEE ALSO WAS CLEARLY MAKING VEILED WARNING THAT KOREA COULD GO ELSEWHERE FOR SECURITY SUPPORT WHEN HE SAID "...IT IS CHIEFLY DUE TO THE TRADITIONAL ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES THAT KOREA SEEKS MILITARY SALES LOANS FROM AMERICA INSTEAD OF WEST EUROPEAN NATIONS."

4. WHILE ATTACKING ANTI-ROK SENTIMENT IN U.S., RULING PARTY SPOKESMEN'S REMARKS AND NEWS COVERAGE OF THEM ALL CAREFUL TO AVOID ANY REFERENCE TO EXPRESSIONS OF U.S. CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN OVER HUMAN RIGHTS OR RECENT REPRESSIVE ACTIONS IN KOREA.

5. ADDING TO ORCHESTRATION EFFECT OF PRESENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST AMERICAN LIBERALS, YUCHONGHUE NATIONAL ASSEMBLYWOMAN SUH YOUNG-HEE WROTE SHARPLY AT LENGTH IN KOREA HERALD APRIL 10 ABOUT: U.S. SLANDER THAT ENDANGERS SAFETY OF KOREANS. IN MOST COMPREHENSIVE REBUTTAL YET TO U.S. CRITICS OF KOREA, MRS. SHU MAKES CLEAR SHE STILL CONSIDERS U.S. A FRIEND THAT KOREA SHOULD RELY ON. SHE THEN GOES ON TO CRITICIZE AT LENGTH HOWEVER, U.S. LIBERALS WHO HAVE NO UNDERSTANDING OF SOUTH KOREA OR NORTH KOREAN THREAT AND ONLY EMPHASIZE HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS, IGNORANCE OF OPINION-MAKING U.S. PRESS, "THE FEW" KOREAN AMERICANS WHO HAVE OPPOSED PARK REGIME (FOR BEING FALSE PATRIOTS OF WHOM KOREA IS ASHAMED), AND RACISM IN THE U.S. SHE ALSO EXPRESSES GRAVE DOUBTS ABOUT U.S. GROWING IMPOTENCE IN THE WORLD AS ILLUSTRATED BY INDOCHINA AND ANGOLA AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF SURRENDER TO THE SOVIETS IN THE NAME OF DETENTE.

COMMENT: ABOVE STATEMENTS WHICH ECHOED IN NUMEROUS RECENT PRIVATE COMMENTS TO US BY GOVERNMENT DEFENDERS ARE CAREFULLY TARGETED AT SPECIFIC U.S. FOES TO AVOID APPEARANCE OF ANTI-AMERICAN BROADSIDE AND JUST AS CAREFULLY CONSTRUCTED TO AVOID ADMISSION OF ANY KOREAN SHORTCOMINGS ESPECIALLY IN FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS. ASIDE FROM JUSTIFYING ITS OWN POSITION, PURPOSE OF GOVERNMENT'S MEASURED RESPONSE IS CLEARLY TO MINIMIZE IMPORTANCE OF U.S. OPPONENTS IN KOREAN PUBLIC MINDS, WITHOUT DIRECTLY CALLING INTO QUESTION CENTRAL IMPORTANCE U.S. RELATIONSHIP.

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